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For: COMPOSITION COMPRISING A
CYCLOHEXANE-BASED COMPOUND,
COMPOUND AND USE OF SAID COMPOUND
TO STRUCTURE A COMPOSITION

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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowability dated June 22, 2007 ("First Notice"), and the Supplemental Notice of Allowability dated July 12, 2007 ("Supplemental Notice"). Without withdrawing the claims from issue, Applicant submits these comments to clarify the scope of the present claims.

Specifically, Applicant wishes to clarify discrepancies between the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the First Notice and the Statement of Reasons

for Allowance accompanying the Supplemental Notice. Additionally, Applicant wishes to reiterate the scope of the allowed claims.

In the First Notice, the Examiner states:

The prior art does not teach or suggest the instant compounds wherein at least one R' is chosen from a linear and branched, unsaturated hydrocarbon comprising 2 to 22 carbon atoms and one C=C double bond or an aryl group substituted with at least one hydrocarbon comprising 10 to 22 atom[s].

First Notice at 2.

In the Supplemental Notice, the Examiner states

The prior art does not teach or suggest the instant compounds wherein at least one R' is chosen from linear and branched, unsaturated hydrocarbons comprising 2-22 carbon atoms and one C=C double bond.

Supplemental Notice at 2.

As recited in independent claim 1, R' is defined as follows:

R', which may be identical or different, are each chosen from hydrogen atoms,

aryl groups optionally substituted with at least one hydrocarbon comprising from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, wherein said hydrocarbon is chosen from linear and branched, saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbons, and

linear, branched, and cyclic saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbons comprising from 1 to 22 atoms;

wherein at least one of said R' groups is chosen from linear and branched unsaturated hydrocarbons comprising from 2 to 22 carbon atoms and one C=C double bond.

Claim 1 (emphasis added). As previously discussed on the record, and as acknowledged by the Examiner, the prior art does not teach, or suggest such compounds.

In the Supplemental Notice, the Examiner additionally states:

The compounds when formulated into a cosmetic composition yields a composition that is not sticky once applied and is slippery and easy to apply. The composition is a homogeneous, uniform film, which covers well and is comfortable to wear. The composition of the invention has the advantage of being clear, transparent, and translucent.

Supplemental Notice at 2. Applicant submits that the scope of the claimed invention is clearly defined in the allowed claims. Additionally, Applicant reiterates, as disclosed in the present specification, that

[t]he composition according to the invention can have at least one of the following good cosmetic properties: it is not sticky when applied and is slippery and easy to apply. It produces a homogeneous, uniform film which covers well and is comfortable to wear.

Furthermore, the composition may advantageously be clear, transparent or translucent.

Specification, at page 5, line 18 through page 6, line 1.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Examiner's Statements regarding the present invention incorrectly and inconsistently characterize the full scope of the presently claimed invention.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter these comments and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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